

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were presented at the time of filing. Claim 15 is canceled above and presented in dependent form as new claim 20. Claims 1-14 and 16-20, therefore are pending in the application with claims 4-10, 11-14, 18 and 19 withdrawn from consideration.

The Action of November 1, 2005 requires election under 35 U.S.C. §121 among eleven groups of claims:

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| Group I. | Claims 1-3 and 15-17, drawn to a SMG-1 polypeptides and mutants thereof with altered activity, classified in class 435, subclass 183. |
| Group II. | Claims 4-6, 8 and 17, drawn to polynucleotides encoding SMG-1 polypeptides, vectors comprising, and cells comprising the vector, as well as knock-out animals, classified in class 800, subclass 8. |
| Group III. | Claim 7, drawn to antibodies to SMG-1 polypeptides, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1. |
| Group IV. | Claim 9, drawn to method for screening a substance which modifies an SMG-1 activity, comprising determining if UFP1/SMG-2 is phosphorylated, classified in class 435, subclass 4. |
| Group V. | Claim 10, drawn to a method to screen for a substance which modifies an SMG-1 activity, comprising analyzing whether an SMG-1 polypeptide is autophosphorylated, classified in class 435, subclass 4. |
| Group VI. | Claims 11 and 13, drawn to a substance for suppressing nonsense mediated mRNA decay or treating and/or preventing a disease caused by premature translation termination, classified in class 514, subclass 1. |
| Group VII. | Claims 12-15 and 16, drawn to an inhibitor of any PIK related kinase, classified in class 530, subclass 300. |
| Group VIII | Claim 15, drawn to an aminoglycoside antibiotic, classified in class 424, |

subclass 116.

- Group IX. Claim 17, drawn to a substance which promotes an activity of SMG-1, classified in class 435, subclass 174.
- Group X. Claim 18, drawn to a method to identify a nonsense mutation point in a gene, comprising analyzing the molecular weight of a protein, classified in class 435, subclass 4.
- Group XI. Claim 19, drawn to a method for identifying a nonsense mutation point in a gene, comprising measuring a difference in an amount of mRNA derived from two different cell cultures, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (original claims 1-3 and 15-17). The election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claim in an additional application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Attorney at the telephone number given below if any further questions arise in connection with this Application.

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